



While preparing for a discourse on the biblical relationships of baptism found in scripture and the Church Fathers, I ran across this and thought you might like it. When was the last time you considered your baptism and its importance; not only for you, but for others in the community?

“And [Naaman] dipped himself... **seven times in the Jordan** [2Kgs. 5:14]. It was not for nothing that Naaman of old, when suffering from leprosy, was purified upon his being baptized, but [this served] as an indication to us. For as we are lepers in sin, we are made clean, by means of the sacred water and the invocation of the Lord, from our old transgressions, being spiritually regenerated as newborn babes, even as the Lord has declared: Except a man be born again through water and the **Spirit, he shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven** [John 3:5]” *St. Irenaeus of Lyon, 190 AD*

By this grace baptized infants too are engrafted into his {Christ's} body, infants who certainly are not yet able to imitate anyone. Christ in whom all are made alive ...gives also the most hidden grace of his Spirit to believers, grace which he secretly infuses even into infants... **It is an excellent thing that the Punic [North African] Christians call baptism salvation and the sacrament of Christ's Body nothing else than life.** Whence does this derive, except from an ancient and, as I suppose, apostolic tradition, by which the churches of Christ hold inherently that without baptism and participation at the table of the Lord it is impossible for any man to attain either to the kingdom of God or to salvation and life eternal? This is the witness of Scripture, too... If anyone wonders why children born of the baptized should themselves be baptized, let him attend briefly to this... The sacrament of baptism is most assuredly the sacrament of regeneration”. **St. Augustine, (Forgiveness and the Just Deserts of Sin, and the Baptism of Infants 1:9:10; 1:24:34; 2:27:43 [A.D. 412]).**

Anything sound familiar?

Deacon Hicks

Also, pick up a copy of my “Meditations... for this First Week of Lent” in the entrance!

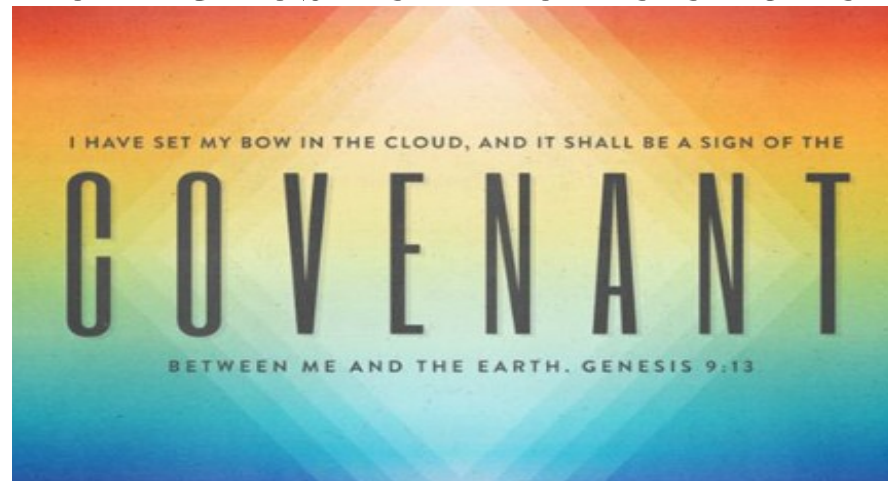
HOSPITALIZED, HOMEBOUND or SERIOUSLY ILL?

Contact Father or the parish office to continue receiving pastoral care.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive this Sacrament. When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness.

- from the United States Catholic Catechism

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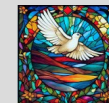
Mass: Sunday 10:00 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm

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THE HOLY POST

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING: God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood.
(Genesis 9:8-15)

PSALM: "Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant."
(Psalm 25)

SECOND READING: The water of the flood prefigured Baptism, which saves you now.
(1 Peter 3:18-22)

GOSPEL: Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him.
(Mark 1:12-15)

Ashes and rainbows make a strange combination. Ashes are dirty, messy and ugly. Rainbows are beautiful and inspiring. But we encounter them both at the beginning of Lent this year. On Wednesday, ashes were smudged on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness. We hear today that God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant with us. As we begin this season of Lent, recognize both truths: We are always in need of repentance, but God stands ever waiting to forgive us.
- Pastoral Patterns

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SNACK SCHEDULE

Bring to CCD Center before Mass

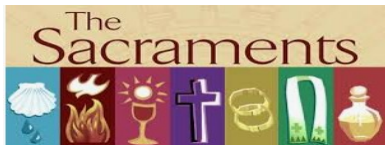
- 2/25: Delores Harlan
- 3/3: Carolyn Hicks/Angie Keath
- 3/10: Jeanne & Bob Heidlage
- 4/7: Carol Peters
- 4/14: Jeanne & Bob Heidlage
- 4/21: Amy Willy
- 5/5: Amy Willy
- 5/12: Fr. Cashen

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Bring your Bible and take notes as Father and Deacon begin their weekly Lenten series today on **The Sacraments**.

February 18 - Baptism
February 25 - Communion
March 3 - Reconciliation

March 10 - Confirmation
March 17 - Anointing of the Sick
March 24 - Holy Matrimony

PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS Feb 18
1st Sunday of Lent 10 am

- No RE Classes
- OKTOBERFEST Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY Feb 21
Stations of the Cross 5-6 pm
Mass 6 pm

SUNDAY MASS Feb 25
2nd Sunday of Lent 10 am
- RE Classes in CCD Center

WEDNESDAY Feb 28
Eucharistic Adoration 5-6 pm
Mass 6 pm

SUNDAY MASS March 3
3rd Sunday of Lent 10 am
- RE Classes in CCD Center

WEDNESDAY March 6
Eucharistic Adoration 5-6 pm
Mass 6 pm



Engaged Encounter marriage preparation retreats has announced the first two opportunities in 2024:
March 1-3 or March 8-10
Register online at: tulsacee.org.



Sign-up sheets are in the entrances to indicate interest (women and men) in meeting to evaluate our parish protocols for Funeral Meals.

PRAYER LIST

Jeanette Crowell, Roben Carter,
Gail Curley, Desiree & Caleb
Curry, Mae Davis, Ann Geyer,
Jeanne Heidlage, Karen Janssen,
Nancy Keene, Tate Riney, Norah
Sisemore, Roseline Brown
Sparks, Alice Nolen-Walston,
Debbie Page, Jimmie & Lynnda
Sooter, Jimmy Sweeney



Marines: Gage Gardner
Air Force: Zerek Albarez, Adam
Crane, Cale Schumacher, Michael
Ecterhoff, and Tiffany Calabasa

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS

2024 DATES

March 20th
April 17th
May 29th
June 12th
July 24th
Sept 11th
Oct 23rd
Nov 13th
Dec 4th

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

No cost, but please register for a date
<https://www.dioceseoftulsa.org/nfp/sessions>



For questions -
Marian Medical Clinic
918-307-5440 or
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Open to couples, singles,
or those just interested in
learning more!

Light snacks and drinks
provided

Marian Medical Clinic - 5th level
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Saint Francis Hospital South
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SACRAMENTS

Confession: By appointment only. To schedule, call 918.256.2281.

Baptism: Contact Father several weeks in advance.

Marriage: Contact Father 6 months prior to wedding. Do not schedule a date before talking with Father.